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Response to Non Compliant Amendment

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated 10/6/2005 please find attached a signed copy of the amendment as previously submitted on Aug 22, 2005. The August 22, 2005 amendment accompanied a Request for Continued Examination.

If any fees should be due, please charge them to deposit account 503404.

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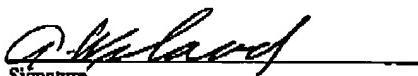
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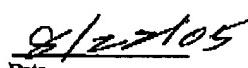
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This communication responds to the Advisory Action of July 1, 2005 and the Final Office Action of March 1, 2005. Attached is a Request for Continued Examination, Petition for Extension of Time extending the period for response to September 1, 2005, and Fee for the Extension of Time.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3 of this paper.

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